

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 3rd SEPTEMBER 2014 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant :	Stoneleigh Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust		
Description of scheme:	The project is to a) combine two small rooms into one larger room to make an adequate facility for a variety of uses, b) create direct access from the enlarged room onto the stage in the main hall which will create more auditorium space to increase audience capacity and, c) construct a storage area that leads directly from the main hall to the stage to remove current health & safety issues when moving equipment around and also remove vandalism issues that are occasionally experienced with the current storage shed that is based in the grounds of the hall.		
Evidence of need:	Visually and through an understanding of how the current floor layout restricts the optimum use of the hall; patrons have also commented on these matters although there is no written confirmation of this.		
3 years accounts received?	2011 - 2013 financial statements have been received, along with a recent bank statement covering the period 30th May to 30th June 2014 and a copy of their savings passbook covering the period 6th November 2012 to 11th June 2014. This evidences sufficient cash reserves to meet the contribution stated on the application form.		
Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit	Year ended 31/12/13 £1,471	Year ended 31/12/12 £2,997	Year ended 31/12/11 £1,838
Available Funds (cash and reserves)	Year ended 31/12/13 £16,096	Year ended 31/12/12 £14,399	Year ended 31/12/11 £15,404
Details of membership, fees etc:	None		
Details of usage:	<p>The facilities are used by the Villagers and by groups of people from further afield for the purposes of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir - weekly - 30 people * Stoneleigh Ladies Choir - weekly - 35 people * Yoga Classes - weekly - 12 people * Scottish Dancing - weekly - 25 people * Art Classes - weekly - 18 people * Women's Institute craft sessions - weekly - 60 people * Language Tuition - weekly - 12 people * NHS Speech and Language Training - weekly - 12 people * Warwickshire Badger Group - monthly - 10 people * Women's Institute luncheons - monthly - 48 people * Music Tuition - monthly - 4 people * Clumber Spaniels Dog Club - monthly - 12 people * Gordon Setter Dog Club - monthly - 15 people * Leigh Educational Committee - monthly - 10 people * Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir - Annual Show - 260 people <p>On average approximately 200 people use the accommodation each week. There is also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Ad-hoc events, for example last year there were - 9 Children's Parties, 5 Adult Parties, 5 Craft Parties and 1 Cancer Relief Breakfast. * Regular use of outdoor sports facilities - all weather football pitch, tennis court and full size football pitch 		
Details of Organisations equalities policies:	There is no formal equality policy but the committee is made up of 5 male and 6 female members, there are disabled toilet facilities and there are no gender, ethnicity or religious restrictions.		
3 quotes provided:	Yes - three quotes have been received for the building work and for the flooring, two quotes have been provided for decorating and two quotes for an asbestos survey (therefore two more quotes required which are included as a caveat in the recommendation report)		
Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?	Evidence		
Reduce anti-social behaviour	This is an increasingly popular Village Hall for many Groups in the community wishing to exercise their various interests. Better floorspace arrangements particularly the combining of the two rooms into one (to make a room of 3.6m x 6.1m, 21.96sqm) will increase the number of groups interested in hiring it and the larger room will lend itself to a wider variety of uses. Providing more activities will potentially help to reduce anti-social behaviour.		
Reducing obesity, particularly in children	Whilst the project does not directly affect this issue the Village Hall does attract groups of people doing Yoga and Scottish dancing (a quite strenuous form of dancing) as well as singing and in addition to providing outdoor sports facilities; all weather football pitch, tennis court, full size football pitch. All of these activities promote fitness and help to reduce obesity, this includes children.		
Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities	The existing access onto the stage is from the hall and imposes on auditorium space. Combining two small rooms into one enlarged room and creating a direct access from the enlarged room onto the stage in the main hall will increase audience capacity and therefore increases opportunity for everyone to enjoy and participate in arts and cultural activities.		
Engaging and strengthening communities	Whilst the project does not directly impact on this, an enlarged room will give greater scope for further activities to be run from the Village Hall and potentially encourage an increase in room hire for social activities by members of the community. Additionally, the Village Hall is run and maintained by a wide range of people from across the community. This all helps to further engage and strengthen the community. The fact that the Village Hall is run by volunteers is another example of a strong and socially cohesive community.		

Targeting disadvantage in rural / urban areas:

The only facilities within the village are found at the Village Hall and playing field; once this project has been completed the Village Hall will have created, alongside the external sports facilities finished in 2012, an efficient local hub for a wide variety of uses which local people of all ages can enjoy using. This has targeted disadvantage in a rural area because without these facilities there aren't any other facilities within walking distance of or within the village; residents are reliant on an infrequent bus service or need other means of transport in order to access facilities elsewhere.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate) £38,162

Funded by:

Status

Parish Council

£0

A financial contribution has informally been requested with a response that a small contribution of around £100-£200 is likely; this has been included as a caveat in the recommendation report

Own Funds

£12,581

Cash reserves have been evidenced through the provision of a recent bank statement and a photocopy of the organisations savings passbook

Charity Donations

£6,500

Stoneleigh United Charity £1000 / Stoneleigh Almshouse Trust £2500 / Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir £3000

Total RUCIS

£19,081

equates to

50.0%